

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1 – 31, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement as they submit that the “kit” claims (claims 32 – 39) are linked to the method defined in claim 31. Accordingly, there is no excessive burden for searching both groups of claims and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Restriction Requirement or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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